

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 16, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2108

Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron

February 17, 2016

An act to ~~amend Section 38050 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to human services; add Section and repeal Section 14131.09 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2108, as amended, Waldron. ~~Human services; dispute resolution. Medi-Cal; adult dental services.~~

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Existing law provides that adult dental services are excluded from coverage under the program, except for specified medically necessary services.

This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2018, to report to the Legislature on the cost and feasibility of restoring full adult dental services as a covered benefit under the program, as specified.

~~Existing law finds, among other things, that in contractual relationships between the California Health and Human Services Agency and other specified entities, problems arise under cooperative agreements that end in disputes. Existing law establishes a formal administrative appeal process available to private, nonprofit human service organizations seeking resolution of any dispute arising out of a direct~~

service contract with the California Health and Human Services Agency or a component department of the agency, except as provided.

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14131.09 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:

3 14131.09. (a) On or before January 1, 2018, the department
4 shall report to the Legislature on the cost and feasibility of
5 restoring full adult dental services as a covered benefit under the
6 Medi-Cal program.

7 (b) The report described in subdivision (a) shall be submitted
8 in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

9 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019,
10 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
11 is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

12 SECTION 1. ~~Section 38050 of the Health and Safety Code is~~
13 ~~amended to read:~~

14 38050. ~~The Legislature hereby finds that in a contractual~~
15 ~~relationship between the California Health and Human Services~~
16 ~~Agency, its component departments, and private, nonprofit human~~
17 ~~service organizations:~~

18 ~~(a) Problems arise under cooperative agreements that end in~~
19 ~~disputes.~~

20 ~~(b) The intent between the disputing parties is to resolve their~~
21 ~~controversy through an informal dispute process. The parties should~~
22 ~~set a goal of no more than 60 days from receipt of a complaint to~~
23 ~~a resolution.~~

24 ~~(c) If the parties reach an impasse, then there should be a logical~~
25 ~~intermediate appeal authority as the next level in the appeal~~
26 ~~process.~~

27 ~~(d) In California, there exists no process between informal~~
28 ~~dispute resolution and judicial review that is available to, and that~~

- 1 can properly address controversies between the California Health
- 2 and Human Services Agency and human service organizations.

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